



Head Quarters, Mid. Dept.,

Baltimore, April 19. 1865.

General.

Circumstances have doubtless made it impossible for you to send me the notice to accompany you, as you were kind enough to suggest the morning of your passage through this city.

The formal report of the result of my negotiations in Texas, with the correspondence, is being copied. It may be of importance, however, to sum it up briefly for your immediate information.

I went to Galveston, according to the arrangement agreed upon with Slaughter and Ford. A Genl. Walker, com<sup>d</sup> the Dept of Texas, declined an interview upon the basis proposed; after which I proceeded to New Orleans, and arranged with Gen. Harburt

to open communication direct with  
Kirby Smith upon the subject. Gen.  
H. and myself concluded that the  
affair had gone far enough at  
least to make Smith "show his hand."

Gen. Hurlburt also agreed to  
send Mr. Marchington to Matamoros,  
for the purpose of sounding Slaughter  
and Ford, as to whether they were  
willing to act independently — a  
result not all improbable.

So the matter stands.

That an arrangement with Kirby  
Smith now is practicable, I don't  
doubt at all. I feel sure he  
will surrender without a shot  
fired.

I will forward the regular re-  
port, if you desire it, or bring  
it on with me, when I hear from  
you.

Very respectfully

Your friend,  
Gen. Wallace,  
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